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STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ON ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE OF COMMISSIONER MCDOWELL

Washington, D.C. – The following statement is attributable to FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski:

"Rob McDowell has been an extraordinary colleague – deeply knowledgeable about the vital and growing communications and tech sector, creative, wise, and a great partner on the Commission.

"Rob has been essential to major FCC achievements like the landmark reform of universal service and intercarrier compensation, and many steps to unleash spectrum.

"Rob's thoughtful engagement in Commission policy has always improved the quality of our work.

"I've worked with Rob from the very first day of my tenure, and I've thoroughly enjoyed working together. I'm proud that Rob is both a colleague and a friend. And I have no doubt he'll build on his tremendous experience and continue his long record of success."